

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on 26 July 2004 has not been considered because a legible copy of foreign patent document WO 9966751A was not provided. A legible copy of foreign patent document WO 9966751A is provided herewith and consideration of the foreign patent document is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly claim the subject matter. The Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 is now allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Golombek, et al. (US 2005/0030915 A1). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The Applicant's present invention provides an intermediate coupling device at a determined point in an antenna network. This coupling device is arranged to exchange carrier signals between a second network and the main coupling device (figure 2, page 4, lines 27-30) or between the second antenna network and peripheral devices. The intermediate coupling device divides the antenna network and through the use of a combination of frequency selective splitter/combiners routes carrier signals.

The Golombek reference discloses a direct broadcasting service (dbs) network to extend mobile radio networks (Abstract). Golombek augments "the DBS system so that mobile radio traffic can be carried through the DBS cable system". In other words, the DBS system, having a single DBS antenna (see reference 90 in Figure 3), is modified to carry mobile signals inside buildings via the DBS cable system to subscribers.

This is in contrast to the Applicant's invention in which a network of antennas receives signals of various frequencies, which are transmitted to specific peripheral devices via an intermediate coupling device. The coupling device includes splitter/combiners that allow signals to flow to both a main coupling device and to further peripheral devices (Figure 2).

The Golombek reference lacks the elements of 1) a network of antennas, 2) dividing the network of antennas, 3) providing an intermediate coupling device and 4) connecting a path from the intermediate coupling device to a further peripheral device. Claim 4 is analogous to amended claim 1 and contains similar limitations. Thus, Golombek reference does not disclose or suggest the above elements in either claim 1 or claim 4. The Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claims 1 and 4.


Claims 2-3 and 5-12 depend from claims 1 and 4 respectively and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims 1 and 4. Therefore, the allowance of claims 2-3 and 5-12 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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